

The SHEPPARD SENATOR

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, home of the 82nd Training Wing and 80th Flying Training Wing

Yards of the month

Congratulations to the winners of April's Yards of the Month Competition. The winners are Capt. Robert Jacks Jr., 364th TRSS, for officer and Tech. Sgt. Michael Wenk, 82nd TRSS, for enlisted in Capehart; Staff Sgt. Jonathan Koonce, 365th TRS, in Bunker Hill; and Staff Sgt. Peter Tabor, 82nd CES, in Wherry. All winners received congratulatory letters from the support group commander and a gift from the BX.

ACSC seminar

Personnel interested in the next on-base Air Command and Staff College 11-month seminar can enroll now through Aug. 5. Eligibles include majors or major selectees of all service components and civilians GS-11 and above. Individuals should complete an application as soon as possible to ensure their course materials arrive prior to the first seminar meeting. Applications should be at the base education services center prior to July 2. Visit the center in Bldg. 402, Room 306, for more information or to enroll.

AWC Seminar

The base education office is now enrolling eligible officers and federal employees for Air War College nonresident studies. The program is open to active-duty, national guard and reserve lieutenant colonel selectees or above of all service components, and civilians GS-13 and above. Interested personnel should apply now. Enrollment forms are available at <http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/awc/enrolppr.htm>. Completed applications must be turned in to the base education office, Bldg. 402, Room 306, by July 13.

Freedom Fest booths

Booths are available for Freedom Fest. Contact Joyanne Bernhardt or Yasuko Crawford at 6-3866.



Fast foot

Tech. Sgt. James Watson, 82nd Training Wing military justice, kicks through a board held by Master Kap Kim, instructor and owner of a local Tae Kwon Do karate academy, at the Asian-Pacific Islander Festival May 31. The festival also featured demonstrations in Jeet Kune Do, Filipino Kali, Muay Thai kickboxing; a fashion show; and cultural performances from Filipino, Polynesian and Indian dancers. See more photos from the festival on Page 4. (Photo by T.R. Steele)

CSAF survey results show improvement in areas

WASHINGTON (AFP) — More than 279,000 Air Force active duty and civilians spoke their mind about issues affecting their day-to-day work in the 2002 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Organization Climate Survey.

Results of the survey, which ran Jan. 22 to March 8, were briefed to Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, earlier this month.

"This survey provides me and leaders at all levels in the chain of command critical information on how we are doing in our organizations," Jumper said. "We plan to use these results to make our working environments bet-

ter for all Air Force people."

Results of the survey were sent to commanders Air Force-wide on May 24.

"Once the commanders have the results in hand, they are urged to share the results with troops through feedback sessions, and translate the information into action," said Lori Marcum, survey team leader.

Marcum said a primary goal of the survey was to make sure commanders at all levels are provided the necessary tools to take advantage of this valuable information.

Survey officials took great care to

protect the anonymity of respondents. Officials said this resulted in the survey having the highest response rate to date with more than 65 percent of the Air Force participating, almost double the response rates of either the 1997 or 1999 surveys.

Overall, this year's survey results went up in almost all areas as compared to the 1999 results. Participants rated questions from "strongly disagreed" to "strongly agreed." The highest-rated area was unit performance outcomes. Ninety-three percent of the people agreed they are get-



Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr. greets an airman at the Team Sheppard Safety Day Fair at the student center May 24. This year's Safety Day emphasized personal responsibility in managing risk. (Photo by Lynn Bullard)

Action Line 676-2000, action.line@sheppard.af.mil

The 82nd Training Wing's Action Line is your direct line to me for any concerns and suggestions you have. I am personally involved in every reply, and I am committed to making Sheppard AFB a better place to live, work and play. Before you call the Action Line, however, I ask that you give your chain of command or other base agencies an opportunity to work your concerns. If you still do not receive a satisfactory response, call me at 676-2000, or send an e-mail to

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Change of command for 82nd Maintenance Squadron

The 82nd Maintenance Squadron held a change of command ceremony yesterday at 2 p.m. at the officers club.

Maj. Ann Isaacs relinquished command of the 82 MXS to Lt Col. Joseph Fawcett.

Major Isaacs will be heading to the U.S. Air Force Headquarters at the Pentagon where she will be assigned to the Installation Logistics Maintenance Management Division. She will be responsible for devel-

oping policy and guidance for base, depot and maintenance management functions and establishing initiatives for maximum retention of our skilled maintenance workforce.

Lt Col. Fawcett will come to Sheppard from the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center where he headed the maintenance efforts of the C/KC-135 and the E-3 AWACS depot maintenance lines. (Courtesy of the 82nd Maintenance Squadron)



Maj. Bryan Swecker relinquishes command of the 82nd Logistics Squadron to Maj. Michael Fitzgerald at a change of command ceremony May 31. (Photo by T.R. Steele)

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Media professionals recognize 782nd TRG one-of-a-kind unit

By Senior Master Sgt. Lee Casillas and Master Sgt. Larry Zirtzman

367th Training Support Squadron

The 367th Training Support Squadron at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, a unit of the 782nd Training Group, won the Omni Intermedia Award for the second consecutive year.

The unit received the 2002 award for their Egress Explosives Safety Course, an interactive course in which graphics specialists from the interactive multimedia flight created 200 three-dimensional models from pictures to build a virtual world.

Omni Awards recognize outstanding accomplishments in a various fields of media production including film, video, TV, Internet, interactive media, animation and audio production. Media production professionals from various areas of business and industry, to include the Department of Defense, compete.

The 367th TRSS is the only unit dedicated to developing multimedia and instructional technology solutions for the Air Force. This one-of-a-kind unit is comprised of three flights: media production, interactive multimedia instruction and support.

The IMI flight develops computer-based training courses for numerous Department of Defense agencies. These interactive courses engage users to participate in sophisticated simulations of aircraft and munitions maintenance procedures from system operational checkouts to troubleshooting scenarios.

In last year's competition, the flight of 78 people entered three courses in the Omni competition and captured five awards. These people are selected from maintenance career fields across the Air Force and are locally trained during a four-year special duty assignment.

Tech. Sgt. Byron Chaudoin is one of them.

Sergeant Chaudoin, a B-52 crew chief assigned to the 367th TSS IMI flight, passes his knowledge and experience on to approximately six to eight thousand airmen who enter the aircraft maintenance career field annually.

He is one of 55 maintainers assigned to the 367th TRSS, covering 25 aircraft specialties and tasked with developing IMI that ranges from avionics to hydraulics, and refueling for all assigned airframes. While he specializes in B-52 systems, other assigned maintainers specialties develop training courseware for weapons platforms and systems.

Training courses range from maintenance on the A-10 to the HH-60 and include airlifters, bombers, refuelers and fighters. While aircraft maintenance personnel provide the subject matter expertise to develop



Staff Sgt. Jason Davis, a visual information production documentation craftsman with the Media Production Flight at the 367th Training Support Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, documents flight line activity at the alert facility at Hill. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Yearyearn-Siers)

courses on proper and safe maintenance procedures, it is the video-graphers assigned to the squadron who capture the video for the development of training videos and interactive compact disks. The marriage of the two specialties is unique to this Air Force training support squadron.

"It is really interesting to see the impact the development of these training aids can have on newly assigned trainees," said Tech. Sgt. Joan Young, a videographer assigned to the unit's media production flight.

Since she has been assigned, Sergeant Young has deployed to document footage for the development of the Firefighter Protection Chemical Suit, a familiarization video. Not only do the videographers document footage on the ground, five videographers are trained to capture air-to-air footage of America's Air Force in action. When the videographers are not busy capturing footage for training courses, they support Combat Camera mobility requirements on exercises, humanitarian and combat operations, as well as supporting the Air Force's most versatile TV broadcast van capability.

The 367th has touched all aspects of Air

Force safety with their productions. Products range from video tapes to interactive media on compact disk. While some productions are strictly for Air Force use, some have had far-reaching impact across the Department of Defense and commercial world.

Mr. Brad Dallof directed a recent production of Cockpit Voice Recorder, an off-Broadway show of actual aircraft mishaps. This realistic reenactment was produced to train aircrews on crew coordination and communication and how it affects safe operations of the aircraft involved in these mishaps. The compact disk was adopted DoD-wide and by the commercial airline industry. However, this is an evolving technology that calls for the maintainers and videographers to constantly seek better ways to produce training aids.

"A recent production called for documentation of KC-10 Emergency Ground Egress as part of a larger training package updating old programs with current and relevant safety information," said Mr. Dale Johnson, a producer and director assigned to the production flight.

As part of the production, the customer needed better user interaction with the training aid. The producer changed the

edit style to better align the video with related training blocks on interactive disk, which allowed more interactive transitions to be controlled by the user.

Both the maintainers and videographers are supported with state-of-the-art computers and computer graphics. The support of graphics artists, a still photographer and computer specialists assigned to the unit is a key element to the video and interactive courseware.

The ability to provide 3-D animation and 2-D graphics enhances the video and compact disk products created by the unit. The assigned graphics artists have produced over 350 products to support eight maintenance courses and 15 video productions, and the assigned photographer provides the ability to photograph a piece of equipment and quickly animate it for interaction. Together these specialists create award-winning products that compete in DoD and industry competitions.

Judges for the Omni Awards are industry-recognized experts in their particular media who are selected from a distinguished group of television producers, software developers, web designers and other professions.



Ben Lam (above), area podiatrist and retired Air Force Reserve lieutenant colonel, serves as the guest speaker for the Asian/Pacific Islander Festival May 31 at the officers club. Filipino dancers perform the Banga (top right), a dance from the mountain provinces of the northern Philippines where women dance with different sizes of clay vases. The dancers also performed the Pandango (right), a native Filipino performance where women dance with lighted candles. The festival included martial arts demonstrations, asian and pacific food, door prizes and more entertainment from Polynesian and Pakistani dancers. (Photos by T. R. Steele)

Asian/Pacific Islander Festival



Tri-service course trains biomedical equipment technicians

By Airman 1st Class
Pamela Stratton
Base public affairs

The 382nd Training Squadron's Biomedical Equipment Technician Course is a 41-week, tri-service course that trains airmen, soldiers and sailors to repair, maintain and troubleshoot virtually all medical equipment.

Students in the course learn to work on machines such as respirators, defibrillators, electrocardiograms and X-ray machines.

"This course takes someone straight off the street and teaches them the basics of electronics and the workings of hospital machines," said Army Chief Warrant Officer Michael Pappas, course director.

Each block of the course is 17 days long with eight days devoted to lecture and nine days to hands-on training.

Students in the course not only learn about electronics, but also anatomy and physiology.

"You have to teach them a

little about how the body works before they can understand what the machines do," said Chief Pappas.

One block of the course is a service unique block where Army, Navy and Air Force students learn how the principles they have learned will be applied toward their day-to-day jobs in their respective services.

Of the many things the students learn, Chief Pappas said the most important thing is troubleshooting.

"It's not always apparent

what's wrong with a particular piece of equipment. If we can teach them the process of systematically troubleshooting to figure out the fault, then they will be able to do much more when they leave here," he said. "The Army and Air Force students might be in a small field unit somewhere and the Navy students might be aboard a ship. In those situations, these students might be the only ones in their career field at their location. They must be able to use logical thought processes to find

problems in their equipment."

Whether they're in a hospital, in a field unit or on a ship, biomedical equipment technicians are an integral part of the medical field.

"Some people just think of the doctors and nurses, but everyone who contributes to patient care is part of the engine that keeps a hospital running. If you take any one part out, it just doesn't work," said Chief Pappas.

Helpful hints to protect from skin cancer this summer

The 82nd Medical Group promotes skin cancer awareness year-round but especially during June, July and August, the hottest months of the year.

Everyone can be at risk for skin cancer. Skin cancer strikes many Americans each year. The good news is that skin cancer is highly curable and easily preventable if detected early.

Unfortunately, the rate of new skin cancer cases continues to rise each year. It's important to follow preventive measures and to know what to look for in order to prevent skin cancer from developing.

There are 3 main types of skin cancer:

Basal cell carcinoma - Most common of skin cancers. It rarely spreads to other vital organs but should be removed as it will continue to get bigger and can affect nearby areas.

Squamous cell carcinoma - Less common but is potentially more harmful because it can grow quickly and spread to other organs.

Malignant melanoma - The deadliest form of skin cancer. It is especially hard to stop once it has spread to other parts of the body, but it can be readily

treated in its earliest stages.

Protecting ourselves from the sun's rays could prevent most skin cancers.

- * Whenever possible, avoid direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

- * Wear protective clothing such as a broad-brimmed hat and long-sleeved shirt when working or relaxing outside.

- * A half hour before going outside, apply sunscreen lotion everywhere on the body, with a sun protection factor of 15 or higher.

- * Reapply sunscreen every hour and after swimming or

sweating.

- * At least once a month, do a complete self-examination of your skin.

Early detection is critical when it comes to skin cancer. There are a few features that skin cancers share that you should be on the lookout for using the ABCDE rule.

A for asymmetry: A mole, when divided in half, doesn't look the same on both sides

B for border: A mole with edges that are blurry or jagged

C for color: Changes in color of the mole, including darkening, spread of color, loss

of color, or the appearance of multiple colors such as blue, red, white, pink, purple or gray.

D for diameter: A mole larger than 1/4 inch in diameter, which is about the size of a pencil eraser

E for elevation: A mole that is raised above the skin and has an uneven surface

If you have a mole that bears one or more of these features, make an appointment with your primary care manager. You are the most important part of the healthcare team. *(Courtesy of Health Net Federal Services)*

Briefs

HHC meeting

The Hispanic Heritage Committee invites all of Team Sheppard to attend their monthly meeting June 14 at 11 a.m. at the enlisted club. Also, the HHC has immediate vacancies for the positions of treasurer and secretary. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Stewart Frazier, Master Sgt. Marlon Pesantez or Staff Sgt. Dora Diaz at 6-3310, 6-4125 or 6-7468.

Humane Society non-cash donations

Volunteers from the 364th Training Squadron will be collecting non-cash donations for the Wichita Falls Humane Society June 14 at the commissary. Items needed include dry and canned cat food, dry dog food, cat litter, towels, sheets, powdered laundry detergent, paper towels, bleach, hand soap and hand sanitizer.

POCI cap increase

The cap has been increased from \$2,000 to \$3,400 per year for AFROTC participants using the Professional Officer Corps. Incentive Scholarship. Those participants still retain eligibility for the Montgomery GI Bill.

Some AFROTC POCI graduates since Oct. 1, 1996, are currently serving on active duty

and were not eligible for the MGIB if they exceeded the \$2,000 cap. With the increase to \$3,400, these personnel may now be eligible to enroll in the MGIB. Officers who believe they may be eligible and think they might be interested in enrolling in the MGIB should contact a counselor in the education office for more information at 6-6231.

Housing maintenance

The housing maintenance contract is operated under a civilian contract and is monitored for quality service under the customer complaint program. Those who have any comments or complaints that are not handled promptly and courteously, use an AF Form 714, Customer Complaint Record, to voice their comments or complaints, or call Alice Fulkerson at 6-5770 or Joyce Walters at 6-5769.

Soundoff

What are you getting your
dad for Father's Day
(June 16)?



"I haven't really thought about it. My wife usually takes care of that."

~Master Sgt. Patrick Hastwell, 362nd Training Squadron



"Some tools. Probably some power tools."

~Airman Christopher Harlin, 383rd Training Squadron



"When is it? Thanks for reminding me. Good question. My dad's one of those guys that has everything. That's always a tough one."

~Maj. Markus Gmehlin, 382nd Training Squadron



"I will put flowers on his grave. He lived his four score and seven years. I'm happy about that."

~Bobbie Crawford, Customer Service



"We're gonna meet up in Houston for a baseball game. The Rangers and Astros are getting together. It will be a fun time."

~1st Lt. Tony Castillo, 82nd Security Forces Squadron

Countdown to the ORI: four weeks to prepare

Day 25: In-basket purge

Clean them out. That goes for the personal files, too. Anything you need to have filed should be filed IAW the office file plan. Is the file plan current? Do you have a file plan? Does the file plan match your filing requirements? Have the files manager review and update, if appropriate. Distribution containers in the Commander's Support Section should be cleaned out, too.

Day 24: Yard party

Everyone should take a walk around the outside of their build-

ings using a critical eye – if it's raining today switch with Day 23. Lawn, asphalt, parking stripes, safety hazards, clutter, etc. Look over that area with the eye of someone who can fix it or improve it immediately. Has the unit changed command? Does the sign out front reflect the new commander? Correct all safety deficiencies. How do the dormitories that your permanent party and students live in look like outside – ask the military training flights if they need your help or expertise with the physical “dress up” of the dorm buildings.

Day 23: House party

Same as yesterday but inside today. Go back and check on items identified during Day 34. Construction may be underway, don't worry about that – just make the best with what you've got. Correct all safety deficiencies. Take one final look in your closets, storage rooms and behind equipment. Ensure everything is neat and orderly.

Day 22: Shop chief's walk-through

Call this person the shop chief, the flight commander, the NCOIC, Instructor Supervisor,

whatever – this is the person in charge. Shop chiefs should visit each of their functional offices today and ask prying questions as to how, when, where and “how do you know” of the people in each office. Is it documented? Check to see it is. This is where experience starts paying off. For most Staff Sergeants and below, this will be their first compliance inspection. Help them understand what to expect. Establish standards on how to answer questions honestly and politely with a willingness to learn and knowing when not to speak. Make sure you

visit all shifts. Stress courteous attitude, respect and positive attitude.

Day 21: Assessment day

With four weeks to go, do some relaxed soul-searching. Add items that need to be accomplished as you think of them. Those of you who aren't shop chiefs, etc. – how did you perform yesterday? Were you knowledgeable in your tasked areas? Could you answer without hesitation? Did you know where to find the instruction or directive that requires you to perform your duties?



– Use caution when venturing into a mosh pit

By TSgt Steve Sinatra

82nd Training Wing safety officer

Summertime and warm weather bring great times and activities: barbecues, picnics, water fun and more. Risk management plays a huge part in these activities, however, there is something else fun to do that rarely gets addressed – going to concerts.

Virtually everyone likes some type of music. I am partial to rock and roll. Having paid big dollars to see my favorite bands, I consider myself an expert at attending rock concerts.

There are a couple of risk management techniques to keep in mind when going to a rock concert: volume and moshing.

When people think of rock concerts, they generally think of music blaring from speakers the size of New Jersey with flashing lights, lasers and fog machines. Concerts are mainly “aircraft engine sustained for up to four hours” loud, which can do severe damage to your hearing, so use some type of protection such as earplugs.

Sustained volume level isn’t the only concern at a rock concert. Something else that occurs at rock concerts that is just as damaging as loudness is

called “moshing.”

Dating back to the punk music movement of the 70s, bands initiated the pre-cursor to moshing: slam dancing. In slam dancing, people thrashed around and ran into each other for no apparent reason except the adrenaline rush the music created. This caused injuries not only from people smashing into each other, but also from the chains, spikes, leather studs and other garb that slam dancers wore.

In the early 80s, moshing was introduced. Although it was meant to be a kinder, gentler form of slam dancing, moshing is physically demanding, and

there are always one or two instigators who feel the need for extreme domination and try to pummel everyone inside the “mosh pit,” an area usually at the front of the stage where moshing takes place.

These days, you can rarely go to a heavy metal or alternative rock concert and not see the infamous “pit”. Mosh pits can get violent and result in cuts, bruises and even broken bones. As I stated earlier, I am a veteran of many rock concerts and mosh pits. I’ve seen broken noses, fingers and cut heads. I’ve even witnessed piercings being ripped from ears, noses and eyebrows.

Additionally, people may feel the need to rise or get thrown on top of the crowd and get passed around the stadium floor on a sea of arms and hands. This may look cool on television, but in reality people are pounding on your back, legs and any body part they can reach.

With some big shows on tour in the area this year, remember to take care of yourself. Do yourself a favor and think about what you’re doing before you decide to “get in the pit and try to love someone.” It just may save you a trip to the emergency room.

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Student Stuff

Happenings on base and in the community

Student center events

Every Monday, 6-8 p.m.
- spade tournament

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- jam session, bring your own instrument/equipment.

Every Tuesday, 5-8:30 p.m. - Country Video Night in the pub.

Every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. - Variety Dance Night in the pub. Listen to Latin, hip-hop and R&B.

Every Thursday, 5-9 p.m. - Video Night in the pub.

Every Friday and Saturday, 7-11:30 p.m. Club BDU

Every Sunday, 3-5 p.m. - billiards tournament in the pub.

Hours of Operation

Mon-Thurs: 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday: Noon to 10 p.m.

Holidays: Noon to 8 p.m.

Steak Night in the Park

The student center invites students to come to Steak Night in the Park June 15 from 4-6 p.m. Students must bring their own steaks. The student center will provide all the trimmings. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

Hawaiian luau dance

The student center will host a Hawaiian luau dance today from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Hawaiian luau dance will take place in the ballroom and will feature tropical Hawaiian decor and party favors. Prizes will be

given for the most colorful, original Hawaiian attire. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

FX band

The student center presents "Hard Drive FX Band" the second Sunday of each month from 3-5 p.m. This event is free for students. For more information, call Lisa Christman at 6-2491.

Comedy show and dance

The student center presents Comic View comedians Annie McKnight and Corey Cook, with host Walt-Bruce June 22. Admission from 7-9:30 p.m. will be \$5 and includes comedy show and dance afterward. Admission from 9:30 p.m. to midnight is \$2 for the dance only. This show is for students only. For more information or tickets, call 6-6427.

Battle of the Bands

The student center will host the "Battle of the Bands" June 23 from 1-6 p.m. The student center will be serving free food to students. The menu includes hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks. There will be a DJ in the park for entertainment. This event is sponsored by Chaney Financial Group and Coke. *(No federal endorsement of sponsor intended).* For more information, call Lisa Christman at 6-2491.

Beach dance

There will be a beach dance June 28 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the student center ballroom. The dance will feature a limbo competition

and prizes for the best colorful attire and the limbo winner. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

Chapel Events

Sheppard chapels offer a variety of programs for student enrichment:

Saturday

On Saturday, all students are invited to the "Solid Rock Cafe" held each Saturday at the south chapel. Dinner is served at 5 p.m., and a variety of scheduled activities take place from 4-9 p.m.

Tuesday

Base chaplains offer helpful classes every Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., in the north chapel for students awaiting training or those having already graduated.

Sunday

Students are invited to the north chapel at 5 p.m. on Sundays for Bible study, an informal get-together with refreshments and student-led music, ending with athletic activities at the north fitness center.

Other Events

Long drive contest

Wind Creek Golf Course will host a students' long drive contest June 16 beginning at noon. The deadline to sign up is June 14. For more information, contest rules and registration, stop by Wind Creek Golf Course, or call 6-6369. This event is open only to non-prior service students.



Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr. congratulates Airman 1st Class Jason Blantin on scoring a perfect 100 percent average in the Munitions Apprentice Course. The general also presented Airman Blantin with a wing coin for his achievement. (Courtesy photo)

363rd TRS student aces ammo course

By Master Sgt. William Miller

363rd Training Squadron

A 363rd Training Squadron student graduated May 16 from the Munitions Apprentice Course with a perfect 100 percent average.

Airman 1st Class Jason Blantin, Hawaii Air National Guard, "aced" the course scoring a 100 percent on every block test. Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, was on hand at his graduation to present Airman Blantin with a wing coin of excellence for his achievement.

General Rooney also was the guest speaker for the graduating class. He stressed the importance of teamwork to the class.

"You are our future leaders" he told the class, "and

based on your performance the Air Force is in good hands."

A1C Blantin's instructors described him as "a leader who stepped forward to take on responsibility," according to Tech. Sgt. Robert Hartness, who had him in class for blocks one through four.

Staff Sgt. Jason Schmitz, the instructor for blocks five through eight added, "He was truly the whole package airman. He displayed great attitude, academics and ability."

Chief Master Sgt. Andrew Copeland added, "It's nice to see our young troops getting recognized early in their careers. We provide world class training here at the AMMO schoolhouse, and Airman Blantin excelled."



Painting RAPCON

Airman 1st Class Janie Guerrero poses with her painting in the entrance hallway at the RAPCON building, Bldg. 2558. Airman Guerrero completed the painting in her spare time. It features the U.S. and Texas flags with T-38 and T-37 aircraft flying into a radar scope below flags from the countries participating in the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program. The painting also includes the AETC, 80th Flying Training Wing and 80th Operations Support Squadron shields. The words "One is too small a number to achieve greatness...Sheppard RAPCON" start and end the painting. *(Photo by Mike McKito)*



Members of the special activities team's Blue Falcons Choral Group address the reviewing official before they sing "God Bless the U.S.A." at a pass and review May 31. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jimmy Varnadore)

SATs shine in community events

By Mike McKito
Base public affairs

You may have noticed a group of sharp men and women who perform in the weekly 82nd Training Wing student review. They are members of the base's special activities teams.

The SATs are composed of four groups that perform on and off base throughout the year.

The Blue Falcons Choral Group sings various styles of music, including patriotic, contemporary, country and opera.

The Blue Knights Weapons Drill Team incorporates a combination of rifles and sabers, executing multiple counts and

exchanges.

The Red Dragons Drum and Bugle Corps plays martial music and patriotic pieces for marching columns and parades. They employ brass instruments with snare and bass drums.

The White Knights Color Guard bears the U.S. and Air Force colors guarded by two more rifle members. They represent the pride of America and the Air Force.

The SATs represent Sheppard at various ceremonies throughout the local military and civilian communities and travel to numerous community events.

The teams are made up of

volunteers, but they must meet certain criteria to belong. SAT members must demonstrate abilities and talents required for a specific team, attend practice sessions, meet both physical-conditioning and prescribed in Air Force Instruction 36-2903 standards, and maintain a satisfactory academic record.

Members gain leadership, teamwork, responsibility and volunteerism attributes. The SATs also develop pride, esprit de corps and a sense of purpose.

People interested in joining this elite group should contact Tech. Sgt. Jimmy Varnadore at 6-1190.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving

Need a lift? Call the Airmen Against Drunk Driving hotline at 676-AADD (2233).

Every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., drivers are available for Team Sheppard members who need a ride home after drinking. Drivers will ask no questions and take no information, and they will not release the name of any person using this program.

Don't risk your life or your career. Cut out this reminder and put in your wallet:

For a ride home after a night out, call 676-AADD

General activities

Chess club

The community center is forming a chess club. All permanent party military members, dependents and civilians are eligible to join. Official chess sets, clocks and official guides will be available. This club will meet in the community center multi-purpose room every Saturday at noon beginning June 15. Chess players are welcome to bring their own equipment. For more information, call 6-3866.

Flag Day story time

The base library will host Flag Day story time June 11 from 10:30-11 a.m.

Women only self defense class

Harley Elmore of Warrior's Way Academy will conduct a women's self defense class Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the community center. This class is free for women ages 16 and up. For registration information, call 6-3866.

Second annual build-a-boat race

The build-a-boat race will be held June 15 at the main pool. Races start at 10:30 a.m. Participants must register by Monday. For more information and registration, call 6-3866.

Pool hours of operation

The main pool and Bunker Hill Water Park will be open from now until Labor Day. Capehart Pool officially opens today. Season pool passes are available at any of the pools during normal hours and at outdoor recreation, the ITT office or the youth center. Pass prices are \$30 for an individual pass and \$60 for a family pass. Daily fees are \$2 for people age 16 and older and \$1 for people age 15 and under. For information about water aerobics, call 6-7491. For information about lap swimming, call 6-6460.

Main pool – 6-6469

Monday-Friday, 1-7:45 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, noon-7:45 p.m.

Capehart pool – 6-4281

Everyday, noon-7:45 p.m.

Weekends only after Labor Day.

Family swim time Monday and Tuesday.

Bunker Hill water park – 6-4161

Thursday-Tuesday, noon-7:45 p.m.

Upcoming trips

Information, tickets and tours will host a June 22 trip to Hurricane Harbor Water Park. The cost of \$30 per person includes round-trip transportation and water park admission. Those interested must register by June 18.

Club activities

Enlisted club comedy jam

The enlisted club will host a comedy jam featuring Comic View comedians Annie McKnight and Corey Cook June 21. Doors will open at 8 p.m., and the show will start at 9 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Ticket prices the day of the show are \$8 for members and \$11 for non-members. This show is for a mature audience. For more information and tickets call 6-6427.

All-you-can-eat seafood buffet

The officers club will have an all-you-can-eat seafood buffet dinner June 14 from 5:30-9 p.m. The cost is \$12.95 for members and \$14.95 for non-members. All ranks are welcome. For more information, call 6-6460.

Officers club game league

The officers club game league holds tournaments in 9-ball, cricket, shuffle board, foosball and crud starting at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Food and beverages are 15 percent off during league play. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 6-6460.

Big Bucks Club drawing

Sheppard club members are eligible for the Big Bucks Club Card drawings held every Friday from 6-7 p.m. at the officers club or enlisted club.

Sunday brunch

The officers club will host a brunch Sunday. Four seating times are available at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$13.95 for members, \$16.95 nonmembers and \$7.95 for children ages 5-12. Reservations are required. All ranks are welcome. Call 6-6460 for reservations.

At the Flicks

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Jason X

Friday 9 p.m.

The Scorpion King

Saturday 2 p.m.

Life or Something Like It

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

The Scorpion King

Saturday 7 p.m.

Jason X

Sunday 2 p.m.

Life or Something Like It

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Jason X

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Deuces Wild

This schedule is subject to change without notice. For movie information, call 6-4427.

Jason X (R) – Kane Hodder, Lexa Doig

– In the future, Earth is no longer inhabitable. Humans, having no where else to go, have colonized outer space. When a colony receives two cryogenically frozen bodies, they defrost them only to discover that one of them turns out to be Jason Voorhees, a psychotic historical mass murder.

Life or Something Like It (PG-13) – Angelina Jolie, Edward Burns

– What's the most important thing in life? Is it love, or is it your career? Is it work, or is it your family? Lanie must ponder these questions after a street savant tells her that she will

die in seven days.

Deuces Wild (R) – Stephen Dorff,

Brad Renfro – Leon and Bobby are brothers who, with their friends, are determined to maintain their way of life in their neighborhood. They are "The Deuces." Loyalty means everything to them, and protecting friends and family is their main priority.

The Scorpion King (R) – The Rock,

Kelly Hu – In the notorious city of Gomorrah, an evil ruler is determined to kill off the nomadic people of the desert. Remaining tribes must unite against him.

Chapel Schedule

Student programs

Tuesday, 11 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., chapel rope meeting, North Chapel
Saturday, 5 p.m., Solid Rock Cafe, South Chapel
Sunday, 5 p.m., Student bible study and activity night, North Chapel

Catholic activities

Mass

Saturday, 5 p.m., North Chapel
Sunday, 9 a.m., North Chapel
Sunday, noon, North Chapel
Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., North Chapel

Religious education

Sunday, 10:20 a.m., classes for preschool through adult, Bldg. 962

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-4:30 p.m., North Chapel

Protestant activities

Worship services

Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist with Praise and Worship, South Chapel
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Hospital Chapel
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel Service, South Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Protestant Community Service, North Chapel

Religious education

Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Growing in God's Grace, South Chapel
Sunday, 9 a.m., classes for ages 3 to adult, Bldg. 962

Bible studies

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., South Chapel
Thursday, noon, South Chapel
Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 962
Saturday, 6:30 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel Bible study
Second Saturday of month, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of Chapel breakfast

Lay-led faith groups

Islamic activities, Friday, 1:45 p.m., South Chapel
Jewish activities, call Maxine Simpson, House of Jacob Synagogue at 322-4177
Latter Day Saints, Sunday, 2 p.m., Hospital Chapel
Mystic Grove Pagan Study Group, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Bldg. 962, call Kalista at 6-4370

For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4370

Base hosts Operation Air Force cadets

By Mike McKitto

Base public affairs

Approximately 25 cadets from the Air Force Academy and the Reserve Officer Training Corps detachments are visiting Sheppard for Operation Air Force.

The first group of cadets arrived Monday and will stay until June 21. Other groups visit June 24-July 12 and July 15-August 2. Cadets attend functions at the officers club and events hosted by the Company Grade Officer's Council.

The cadets take tours of all base agencies to learn how Sheppard supports the Air Force mission. They also shadow officers in career fields of their choice.

This is the first exposure to a real Air Force base for many cadets.

"Operation Air Force is a great incentive to the cadets to begin thinking about their Air Force future," said First Lt. KayLynn Meeker, the Operation Air Force base director. "The cadets have been working hard at school and have not seen what the Air Force has to offer outside the cadet walls."

While the cadets have been taught the rank and structure of the Air Force, many active-duty Sheppard members may not be familiar with customs and courtesies afforded the cadets. The cadets are officer candidates, but they haven't been commissioned and should not be saluted.

Cadets should be addressed as "Cadet [last name]," not by their first names. They should also be shown all other military courtesies.

Submit sports stories to Sheppardsenator@sheppard.af.mil.

DoD softball rankings as of May 31

1. Sheppard Air Force Base Senators
2. Andrews Air Force Base Falcons
3. PAX River Bombers – Pautuxent River NAS, Md.
4. Fort Monroe Generals
5. Fort Bliss
6. Bad Karma (USS Thorn DD988)
7. Fort Meade Patriots
8. Toalpoam (Langley Air Force Base)
9. Applebees/Davis-Mothan Air Force Base
10. Air Force Academy

Sports shorts

Colorama tournament

There will be a colorama bowling tournament Saturday at 7 p.m. at the south bowling lanes. Participants can bowl with lights out and knock down glowing colored pins to win cash. For more information, call 6-2170.

Golf course events

Wind Creek Golf Course holds many tournaments, clinics and lessons each week. For more information on these events, call the golf course at 6-6369.

Squadron cardio combat

The fitness centers invite all squadron members to participate in squadron cardio combat. By participating in individual exercise regimes, anyone can track their workouts and score points for their squadron. For more information, call the south fitness center at 6-2972.

Aerobics classes

The aerobic center is located in the south fitness center and offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week. Classes are offered as early as 5:30 a.m. and as late as 7 p.m. in low impact, intermediate and

advanced exercise, including floor and step exercises, muscle sculpting and kickboxing. Call 6-2972 for specific times and classes.

Yoga-pilates classes

The south fitness center is now offering yoga-pilates classes Monday and Wednesday at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday at 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at 4:15 p.m., Thursday at

6 p.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m. For more information, call 6-2972. All classes are free.

Return to fitness prescription program

Fitness programs are now available for adults over 50. Classes are available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. at the south fitness center. For more information, call 6-2972 or 6-7491.

Sports

Fourth of July Freedom Fest sporting events

Event

Date

Register by/Cost

Two-day softball	June 21-23	June 19/\$100 team
5/10K fun run	July 4	July 4/\$10 person
Mud volleyball	July 4	July 2/\$35 team
One-day softball (men's/ women's)	July 4	July 2/\$35 team
Three-point basketball shootout	June 29	June 29/Free

People can compete in either individual or team events. Registrations may be extended if events are not filled. Spectators are welcome. For more information or to register for an event, call Brian Eskew or Tech Sgt. Johnson at 6-6622 or any fitness center.

SURVEY

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ting the mission done and are doing it well. The area rated second highest was jobs, at 91 percent, which indicates people find their jobs motivating, important, interesting and challenging, said officials.

But, only 72 percent of the respondents agreed about the adequacy of resources. Officials believe this is an indication that respondents are working hard, but think they do not have enough people to get the mission done.

Resources and unit recognition are areas where the Air Force has historically not fared well; however, there is an upward trend in this the results of this survey compared with previous surveys. While resources were rated low, when asked the question, "Do I have enough time," the rating is up from prior surveys, which is an indication work processes are improving. In the recognition area, 72 percent of respondents agreed they were being recognized — officially or unofficially — for exceptional performance by their chain of command.

In the unit leadership section, 78 percent of respondents agreed leadership in their chain of command, influenced the direction, people and culture which officials say shows trusted in their commanders.

Supervision is typically evaluated two ways: managing resources and taking care of people. Most respondents felt their supervisors looked out for their best interests. In fact, 82 percent agreed their supervisors were proficient in the areas of skills planning, organizing, leading and providing feedback.

In the general satisfaction section area, 75 percent of respondents agree they receive a sense of accomplishment

and personal fulfillment from the work they do and from the environment that surrounds them.

Survey responses showed little difference between home station or deployed units in key measures such as unit performance perceptions, general satisfaction and characteristics which motivate people to go above and beyond the job without official rewards and recognition. Also, there was little difference in these measures between deployed areas of responsibility.

The historical section asked respondents who

were assigned to the same unit when the 1999 survey results were released if their leaders used 1999 survey results in a positive way. Forty-one percent agreed the results were used in a positive way; however, 43 percent did not know and 16 percent said results were not used positively.

To ensure accurate analysis of the survey data, the Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency's survey team worked with experts in the developing aerospace leaders office and department for management at the U.S. Air Force Academy for statisti-

cal advice and for reliable question set assistance.

Further analysis showed higher ratings in all outcomes for units in which leaders provided feedback to their people; however, providing feedback alone does not create higher results, said officials. They said data indicates leaders who listened and implemented ideas and suggestions tended to have higher performing units, more satisfied people and people who are willing to go above and beyond the job without official rewards and recognition.

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Savings bonds: safe investment to save for future, retirement

The 2002 savings bond campaign will run from June 1-30 with the campaign slogan, "Save for your Future."

Recent economic times have been somewhat like a roller coaster. Ups and downs and twists and turns have marked the past several years. We've lived the dot-com bubble when riches seemed just a stock investment away, the dot-com bust when reality reasserted itself, and the recent recession when it seemed impossible to know the best place to get a good return on investment.

Through it all, one thing seems clear – if you expect a good retirement, you have to continue to save and invest. A balanced portfolio will protect you from the worst of the gyrations.

Millions of savers and investors have rediscovered the value of an old standby – U.S. Savings Bonds. Savings bonds may not be the most exciting investment on the block, but one thing is sure in this uncertain world: they are a steady performer that won't lose money.

Whether you choose Series EE or Series I bonds, returns are comparable to – or better than – the returns available on other savings instruments. Savings bonds add balance to any existing portfolio and are a great way to start saving and build capital to the point where you have enough to diversify.

Two types of Savings bonds offer consumers a choice.

The Series EE is sold at half of face value and earns interest at 90 percent of the average return on five-year marketable Treasury securities with rates adjusted semiannually to track the marketplace.

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Both come in denominations ranging from \$50 to \$10,000 and are tax advantaged with interest exempt from state or local income taxes and Federal tax deferred until redemption or final maturity. Both are also guaranteed safe by the full faith and credit of the United States.

For savers and investors who occasionally have to tap their resources, bonds offer easy redemption at most financial institutions any time after they've been held six months. There are

no restrictions on redemption, no capital gains to report, and only a small interest penalty if the bonds are redeemed before being held five years.

Savings bonds currently earn better returns than passbook or money market accounts and short-term certificates of deposit. Add their purchase flexibility, tax advantages and safety – Series I bonds even increase in value beyond inflation – and you've found a great way to save or invest regardless of income or other resources.

There are many ways to buy

bonds.

The easiest is the payroll savings plan offered by thousands of employers, but bonds can also be purchased over-the-counter through financial institutions or by automatically debiting your savings or checking account using the Savings Bonds Easy Saver Plan. You can even buy bonds over the internet using a major credit card by going to the savings bonds Web site, www.savingsbonds.gov. The same site offers extensive information and resources help-

ful to bond-buyers and owners.

For anyone who craves a safe haven or just wants a future with more balance in their portfolio and lives, saving bonds are well worth consideration. They may seem a bit boring, but boring, safe and sure are good things when you're striving to reach saving or retirement goals.

For more information, contact your base savings bond representatives: Maj. Todd Walton at 6-4830 or Maj. Jerome Hyzy at 6-1197. *(Courtesy of 82nd Military Personnel Flight)*